

Hive for extracted honey 2 entries.—W. T. Falconer Co.

Hive for all purposes 3 entries.—W. T. Falconer Co.

Diplomas recommended to H. D. Davis and Miss Penton.

### The Exhibit at Toronto.

**A**T TENDING other fairs we have not yet visited the Industrial, but the extracts below taken from the city dailies show that the apiarian exhibit is considerably in advance of last year. This week we shall see for ourselves and may give any points which come under our observation in next issue.

"No artificial honey in these collections at all events," is the general verdict of all who visit the Apiary Department, which is rapidly getting into the ship-shape order. There appears to be something mysterious about this so-called artificial product, no meaner an authority than Prof. Morris, of the Philadelphia Science Academy, assuring us in the "Encyclopædia Britannica" that it is not only a fact, but that it "rivals the best clover honey and can be sold profitably at half the price," the basis of manufacture being glucose. The comb, too, this authority avers, is artificially made from paraffine. Opposed to the Professor are, we believe, all practical apiarists who, while admitting that glucose, or even melted sugar, dashed with honey, affords a fair counterfeit for amateurs, utterly repudiate the idea of artificial combs or comb honey. At the head of these stand Mr. Root, of Ohio, offering \$1,000 in gold for a sample of either of the latter, while another noted American apiarist, Mr. Gerrard, characterises Prof. Morris' statement as false. All the honey exhibitors at the Industrial take similar grounds.

The apiary display this year is exceptionally large and fine, amounting in all to several tons, arranged tastily in domes and pyramids, and covering the entire space dedicated to that speciality. R. H. Smith, Bracebridge, shows about half a ton of the different varieties and sets off his exhibit with a tasty background of honey-bearing plants, the centre being decorated with a section of a hive in active operation. Mr. McKnight, Owen Sound, makes the largest individual display—about two tons—with an additional assortment of wax and honey vinegar. Next follow Jacob Alpaugh, St. Thomas, with three thousand pounds; Mr. Davison, Unionville, five hundred pounds; W. Goodger, Wood-

stock, fifteen hundred pounds; and George Lang, Milton West, nearly one thousand pounds.

The general quality may be set down as extra good—the usual complement of a favourable season and large supply. Mr. Lang shows something of a popular novelty in the shape fruit canned with honey instead of sugar, which is said to be much relished. Mr. McKnight and he have likewise among their collections a number of most inviting cakes and other condiments sweetened with honey, the advantages claimed being both an improvement in flavor and the quality of retaining moisture to a greater degree than when baked with sugar in the ordinary way. "Sweeten your fruit or other cakes with honey," said an exhibitor; "and they will keep in a pliable, fresh, edible condition much longer than by any other process." The apiarists are this year, it may be mentioned, in a condition of great good humor, the shortage in the crop of small fruits creating quite a brisk demand for their products.

In rear of the honey display proper there is a large collection of apiarist's supplies in glass and tinware.

In a word, the apiary display in general and as a whole quite equals, if it does not surpass, that of any previous year, and is fully treble what it was at the Industrial of 1888. The judges are to be pitied when they come to decide between the different lots on their merit.—Globe.

### THE WORK OF THE BEE.

Apiarian exhibits this year are the best that have ever been seen at Toronto or any other Canadian exhibition. Side by side with the dairy products they make a picture which might again induce the children of Israel to predestinate across the desert had they a Moses to lead them. The honey that might flow in Canaan is extracted, preserved in glass jars or tins, or it is granulated and specimens of it are sent to the Toronto Exhibition for city people to admire and dream over it, sweet dreams of glorious country life. The few Bohemian drone bees whose wandering fancies led them to them to the Exhibition grounds for recreation have all congregated in the apiary, and there, like prodigals who have not inclination enough to lead them the weary homeward journey, they fly and buzz round the tempting sweets which they can never taste. It is good indication of the sweetness of extracted honey to have its perfume felt by bees at a distance. This is a curious and interesting lesson in natural history which may not be generally known.

There are seven principal exhibitors, and they have overcrowded the space allowed for the apiary. The largest exhibits are in extracted hon-